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Joint Resolution

To designate the week of September 15, 1991, through September 21, 1991, as
“National Rehabilitation Week”.

Aug. 14, 1991

[S.J. Res. 72]

Whereas the designation of a week as “National Rehabilitation Week” gives the people of this Nation an opportunity to celebrate the victories, courage, and determination of individuals with disabilities in this Nation and recognize dedicated health care professionals who work daily to help such individuals achieve independence;

Whereas there are significant areas where the needs of such individuals with disabilities have not been met, such as certain research and educational needs;

Whereas half of the people of this Nation will need some form of rehabilitation therapy;

Whereas rehabilitation agencies and facilities offer care and treatment for individuals with physical, mental, emotional, and social disabilities;

Whereas the goal of the rehabilitative services offered by such agencies and facilities is to help disabled individuals lead active lives at the greatest level of independence possible; and

Whereas the majority of the people of this Nation are not aware of the limitless possibilities of invaluable rehabilitative services in this Nation: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That—

(1) the week of September 15, 1991, through September 21, 1991, is designated as “National Rehabilitation Week” and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe such week with appropriate ceremonies and activities, including educational activities to heighten public awareness of the types of rehabilitative services available in this Nation and the manner in which such services improve the quality of life of disabled individuals; and

(2) each State governor, and each chief executive of each political subdivision of each State, is urged to issue proclamation (or other appropriate official statement) calling upon the

citizens of such State or political subdivision of a State to observe such week in the manner described in paragraph (1).

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